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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Military Information from Letzling Heath

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 14 and 15 December 1950

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. On 14 December 1950, only a Soviet komandatura staffed with army and MVD personnel was observed in Maldensleben at Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53).
2. The barracks installation on the eastern perimeter of Hillersleben quartered about 600 artillery troops. Eight garages, each about 40 meters long, had been constructed or were under construction in the area opposite the barracks installation. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
at these garages. Local residents said that the artillery unit was equipped with eight 57-mm AT guns and four 85-mm AT guns. No training activity was observed in the billeting area on 14 December.
3. The eastern section of the barracks installation west of Hillersleben was occupied by an infantry unit estimated at 300 men. The western section of the billeting area was occupied by AAA troops, who were observed arriving on 12 October. No training activity was noticed there on 14 December. The installation contained four barracks buildings and about 24 former houses for German army personnel. About eight wooden sheds for motor vehicles and artillery pieces were under construction in the billeting area. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
The radio station which was previously observed at Hillersleben was now between the houses mentioned above, within the fenced billeting area. The newly constructed road north of the installation served as an approach road to a settlement which was occupied by German civilians.
4. A group of heavily damaged buildings located north of Hillersleben were being reconstructed. Local residents said that the buildings had housed sound-ranging installations (Schallmessenrichtungen) prior to 1949.

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5. Only a guard detail was observed to be quartered in the camp which is located south of Huotten-Planken. The tank sheds in the camp were vacant.

6. [] unable to approach the camp located east of Burn. Motor vehicles traveling in the direction of the camp []

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[] Local residents said that Camp Horn was allegedly occupied by 5,000 to 6,000 troops. They claimed that the camp has been winterized. The officers there were joined by their families and were billeted in a separate section of the camp. **

- * [] Comment. [] reported as early as 15 November that the barracks installations in Millersleben were occupied to capacity.

Most of the motor vehicle []

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- ** [] Comment. The report states for the first time that Camp Horn was occupied by troops. [] reported in early November that the wooden barracks of Camp Melle were moved to Camp Horn and reassembled there. [] According to the motor

[] most of which belonged to the 19th Gds Secz Div, it is possible that Camp Horn is quartering elements of this division.

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